MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

Mississippi Annual Conference,

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH,

HELD AT

VICKSBURG, MISS., NOVEMBER 18—24, 1868.

BISHOP H. H. KAVANAUGH, PRESIDING.

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PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.

THE Fifty-third session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was begun and held in the city of Vicksburg, Nov. 18-24, 1868, Bishop H. H. Kavanauh presiding.

The following clerical members were present during the session, viz: J. G. Jones, W. H. Watkins, Levi Pearce, E. R. Strickland, H. J. Harris, D. A. J. Parker, J. Nicholson, J. L. Forsyth, C. T French, H. H. Montgomery, J. D. Newsom, J. G. Carlyle, J. B. Bowen W. Wadsworth, B. B. Whittington, F. W. Sharbrough, R. A. Sibley, W. P. Barton, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, G. D. Wade, E. A. Flowers, J. J. Clark, C. R. Godfrey, D. W. Dillehay, J. M. Pugh, E. F. Mullins, C. K. Marshall, J. D. Willis, W. G. Millsaps, B. Jones, W. Price, G. F. Thompson, J. W. Jones, R. Abbey, H. Copeland, H. P. Lewis, G. Jackson, J. A. Vance, C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, R. J. Jones, W. Finn, L. Kendell, H. F. Johnson, K. A. Jones, E. H. Mounger, J. B. Robertson, J. Carr, D. Merchant, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, P. A. Johnson, C. Chamberlin, W. T. J. Sullivan, T. W. Flowers, W. W. Drake, R. B. Downer, T. Nixon, J. S. Harris, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, L. R. Redding, W. E. M. Linfield, R. A. New and F. M. Featherston.

Lay delegates from the various Districts were present and participated in the proceedings, as follows, viz:

A. T. Norwood, L. K. Barber, Thos. Reed, W. J. Lum, R. D. Howe, Geo. Barnes, J. C. Kittrell, B. G. Humphreys, J. R. Robertson, J. T. Cameron, R. B. Powell, Stephen Johnson, W. H. Worthington, J. M. Applewhite, T. C. Clark, Jesse Thompson, E. G. Cook, W. A. Moore, J. E. Watts, J. Wise, J. Enbanks, S. D. Murff.

Committees were appointed on the various interests of the Church, as follows, viz:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. G. Jones, J. L. Forsyth, W. P. Barton.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—W. H. Watkins, H. H. Montgomery, Thos. Reed.

ON MISSIONS—W. P. Barton, J. L. Forsyth, B. G. Humphreys.

ON BIBLE CAUSE—B. Jones, W. B. Lewis, J. A. Ellis.

On Sunday Schools—R. J. Jones, jr., W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. E. Watts.

On Education—W. T. J. Sullivan, W. E. M. Linfield, R. D. Howe.

On Memoirs—J. G. Jones, L. R. Redding, L. Pearce.

On Religious Interests of Colored People—S. Johnson, J. B. Bowen, B. G. Humphreys.

Communications from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, Secretary of Home Missions, Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and from the Southern Methodist Publishing House, were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the examination of character.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial? *Answer*—Robert B. Seeders, from Percey's Creek Circuit, Charles B. Galloway, from Canton Station, Jacob D. Murff, from Kosciusko Circuit. Under this question, Jno. V. Pointer, in Elder's orders, was admitted from the Bible Christian Church, Henry P. Bowen, Jno. C. Carlyle.

Second Question—Who remain on trial? *Answer*—L. P. Meador, T. J. Hutson, E. W. Simmons, W. T. Beall.

Third Question—Who are admitted into full connection? *Answer*—A. B. Stewart, W. F. Glenn.

Fourth Question—Who are re-admitted? *Answer*—Parmenas Howard, Ransom J. Jones, sr. and Hardie Brown and Perry G. Reynolds, from the Congregational Methodist Church.

Fifth Question—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? *Answer*—No one.

Sixth Question—Who are deacons of one year. *Answer*—Pinckney A. Johnson, Humphrey C. Buck.

Seventh Question—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained deacons? *Answer*—No one.

Eighth Question—What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons? *Answer*—Jno. B. Holloman, Sidney S. Sledge, Warren C. Black, Wm. P. Pierce,* Geo. Morrison and Jno. Vinson.

Colored brethren: Samuel Harris, Bartley Turner, Reuben Pope, Isaac Warren, and Frank Ambrose.

Ninth Question—What traveling preachers are elected elders? *Answer*—J. K. Hamblen, C. W. Campbell, W. F. Glenn, T. W. Flowers.

Tenth Question—What local preachers are elected and ordained

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* Elected but not ordained.

elders? *Answer*—Jno. D. Cudd,* J. D. Johnson,* were elected, subject to the satisfaction of the Bishop, as to their answers to the questions in the Discipline. Jas. E. Jagers, Green C. Fore, Francis M. Alford, Jno. C. Carlyle, Thos. C. Clark.

Eleventh Question—Who have located this year? *Answer*—H. C. Buck, W. W. Graves, W. B. Johnson.

Twelfth Question—Who are supernumerary? *Answer*—P. A. Johnson, J. Maclennan, A. R. Hines, J. O. Woodward, J. W. Adams, R. D. Norsworthy, W. Harrington, R. T. Hennington.

Thirteenth Question—Who are superanuated? *Answer*—J. I. E. Byrd, T. Clinton, P. James, S. T. Swiney, G. T. Vickers, J. G. Deskin, J. B. Higginbotham, H. Williamson, W. R. Rainey, J. W. McNeil, H. Copeland.

Fourteenth Question—What preachers have died during the year? *Answer*—Peter E. Green, Hardy Mullins, Thomas Owens.

MEMOIR OF REV. THOS. OWENS,

of the Mississippi Conference.

Rev. Thomas Owens was born in South Carolina, January 8th, 1787, and was the son of Thomas and Frances Owens. His parents brought him to the Natchez country when young, and settled in what is now Jefferson County. Thomas was a peculiar youth, having, as the gift of nature, unusual vivacity, wit and humor. In early manhood, this exuberance of a noble and generous nature was perverted to vicious purposes, and he became addicted to profanity, occasional drunkenness, sabbath-breaking, and horse racing. When intoxicated he was rude and noisy, and, on one occasion, while riding an impromptu race, was thrown from his horse and nearly killed. But, in the midst of all his extravagant folly, he often felt the anguish of an awakened conscience, and the foreboding of coming retribution if he persisted in sin. In his twenty-fourth year, he was awakened to a subduing sense of his guilt and danger, and became an earnest seeker of salvation from sin. As a preliminary step, he united with the Church in 1810, under the pastorate of Rev. Miles Harper, and was soon after converted while kneeling to receive the holy communion. He was soon encouraged by his brethren to take an active part in the social meetings of the Church, where he successfully commenced those extraordinary labors which made him so conspicious in after life. At an informal meeting held at the house of Rev. Newit Pick, by the preachers of the Tennessee Conference, who labored in the Mississippi

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* Elected but not ordained.

District south of the Indian nations, he was admitted into the traveling connection, Nov. 1st 1813, and was effective seventeen years, during which time he travelled four years in Alabama, four in Louisiana, west of the Mississippi river, nine in various parts of Mississippi. He was on the superannuated list thirty-eight years, but most of that time he rendered efficient service as a self-supporting minister; as his wasted strength, advanced age and domestic circumstances, would not justify his continuance on the effective list, he several times intimated his willingness to locate, but his co-laborers would never consent to his location. God had given them their Thomas Owens; they appreciated the gift, and would not yield it up until reclaimed by the original donor.

On the 8th of January, 1828, he was happily united in marriage with Mrs. Rebecca Calvit, a lady every way qualified, by education, active piety and worldly competency, to be the wife of the labor-worn itinerant.

He was a universal favorite with the older members of the Mississippi Conference, and was the centre of attraction at our annual sessions. The older bishops loved him as a son, and on account of his genial temper and spontaneous repartee, allowed him to be a sort of privileged character in the Conference room; and he in turn looked on them with the greatest respect and veneration. All who have succeeded him in his different fields of ministerial labor, know what a deep and lasting impression his preaching and other kindred exercises, made on the minds of all classes. He had learned by experience and practical observation all the avenues leading to the human heart, and he knew how to touch every cord of human sympathy. His native wit and genius cropped out everywhere. He said what other men said, and preached the same doctrines his brethren preached, but it was all said and preached in his own peculiar and attractive style. His genial face, the indescribable intonations of his voice, his apt illustrations and gestures, all combined to keep up an interest in his hearers. His elegant home at Rocky Springs, was long the abode of Christian hospitality, and he and Sister Owens delighted to employ their ample means in doing good, until they were swept away by the late war.

His health had been manifestly declining for several years, and his disease was finally developed as a cancer of the stomach, from which he suffered much. But he bore all with true Christian fortitude and resignation, desiring only to be entirely ready when the Master called him to go. With characteristic simplicity, he said to a friend, just before his speech failed, "My way to heaven is as straight as a line." He died on the 1st of July, 1868, aged eighty one and a half years. He had been a member of the Church fifty-eight years, and a preacher fifty-five. But few men of his talents ever accomplished a similar amount of good.

J. G. JONES.

MEMOIR OF REV. HARDY MULLINS.

Rev. Hardy Mullins was born near Milledgeville, Georgia, on the 22nd December, 1788, and died near Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi, on the 27th September, 1868.

He removed from Georgia to Lawrence County, Miss., in 1821; thence to Copiah County, in 1830, thence to Rankin County, in 1847, and thence back to Copiah County in 1860.

He married Miss Elizabeth Douglass in Georgia, in 1809, by whom he had six children. She died many years ago, and left but two surviving children. He married Mrs. Mary E. Sexton, in Copiah County, in 1863, who survives him.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1803; was licensed as a local preacher in 1825, and joined the Mississippi Conference in 1828, and continued a member until his death.

Few men ever lived in this State who did more good for the cause of religion and morality, within his sphere of action, than Hardy Mullins. He was devoted to his church, its ordinances and usages, and he endeavored in all things to live up to its requirements. His mission was to do good for the souls of men. Morality was not enough for him. He insisted on a renewed heart and a total surrender of all the passions and feelings of the heart to God. No man had fewer compromises to make with sin. He was unyielding in his exactions, and demanded the performance of man's whole duty, as he performed himself. In uttering the truth, he was bold and fearless; and amid the most adverse and discouraging circumstances he never faltered, but strengthened by the honest conviction that he was in the line of his duty, because the Lord commanded him, he pressed onward, looking neither to the right nor the left, sustained and cheered by the sweet promises of his Savior.

His leisure hours he gave to the study of the Bible and writings of the Fathers of the Methodist Church. Profane literature had no charms for him; it was only the pages of religious books that enlisted his attention. His education was limited, but his intellect by nature was strong and active, and by application and study he became familiar with the standard works of his church, and it has been often said, that no man in the State, better understood the doctrines of his Church than himself.

As a minister, he was useful. He travelled over a large tract of country, and preached daily to congregations whom he edified. The physical labor he performed was truly great, and the privations he suffered were anything but pleasant; yet he discharged his duty and rarely or never failed to meet his appointments. In after years, when he was unable to perform such labors, he was still most useful in his ministerial work. He was attractive and interesting as a speaker; bold, original and somewhat eccentric, he seldom failed to have a good audience. He never attempted to utter anything beyond the simple gospel truth, illustrated in his peculiar and homely manner that had a telling effect upon his hearers. And though decided in his opinions, for which

he would have suffered martyrdom, yet he could not be induced to enter into a religious controversy with ministers of other denominations.

In his intercourse with the world, he was affable, frank and agreeable, and of fine social qualities, though he never forgot that he was a minister, nor did he by word or deed belie his calling.

No man ever lived, who had fewer contentions or troubles with his fellow man. During the time he was a member of the Conference, no charge or complaint was ever made against him.

He never amassed wealth. He had as little respect for mere position as any man that ever lived. Wealth, honor and fame had no hold upon him. He judged men by their walk and conversation, according to the Bible standard. He was content when struggling for his daily bread; for he felt that God was good, and that in His good time all would be well. He always had friends and admirers, to whom he was a welcome guest at all times, and who never failed to be edified by his Christian conversation.

He was a kind husband and parent, a good neighbor, and a true and steady friend. He never let misfortunes dim his friendship. In all the various relations of life, in which he was called to act, he discharged his duty to the very best of his ability and in the fear of God.

But he is gone to receive his reward in that happy land, to which he had so often invited all to come through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. ***

MEMOIR OF REV. PETER E. GREEN.

Rev. Peter E. Green, a member of the Mississippi Conference, died at Brookhaven, Miss., in the early part of the Conference year, in February, 1868, after a very painful and protracted illness. He was a native of Madison County, Tennessee, and was received into the Mississippi Conference in 1844, when about thirty years of age, and was placed upon the Greensboro Circuit. Without following up his history through the varied scenes incident to an itinerant preacher's life, it will suffice to say, that he was a zealous and successful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. During his ministerial career, extending, as will be seen, over a period of over twenty years, he received several thousand members into the Church. The reading of his private journal, to which the writer has had access, shows him to have been a man of prayer. He was not fortunate in the management of his secular concerns; he lived and died poor.

His last hours furnished a triumphant vindication of the truth of the Christian religion. His end was glorious. He loved his brethren of the Conference, and sent to them many kind messages. "Tell them the shores are not dark," "I shall pass safely over—the waters will not over-flow." Thus passed away, this faithful, zealous Christian minister.

L. R. REDDING

Fifteenth Question—Are all preachers blameless in their life and official administration? *Answer*—Their characters were all examined one by one and passed.

Sixteenth Question—What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

See tabular statement, page 10.

Seventeenth Question—How many adults and infants have been baptized during the year? See tabular statement, page 11.

Eighteenth Question—What is the number of Sunday schools, teachers and scholars? See tabular statement, page 12.

Nineteenth and Twentieth Questions.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained the regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits, and missions, and what has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

DISTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS.

Names.	Claim.	To whom deliverd.	Dividends.
Mrs. Berry	$240 00	Rev. R. B. Downer	$72 00
" Green	280 00	" "	84 00
" Hainey	150 00	" C. Chamberlin	45 00
" Simms	230 00	" "	69 00
" Danson	190 00	" "	57 00
" Morris	150 00	" J. B. Robertson	45 00
" Lambeth	190 00	" H. H. Montgomery	57 00
Orphans of Rev. J. R. Lambeth	80 00	" "	24 00
Mrs. Wiggins and Children	115 00	" "	34 50
Mrs. Thornton	150 00	" J. M. Pugh	45 00
" P. Cooper	190 00	" "	57 00
Rev. J. I. E. Byrd and Wife	150 00	" S. Johnson	45 00
Mrs. Dickerson	150 00	" K. A. Jones	45 00
" Watson	150 00	" R. J. Harp	45 00
" V. Johnson	280 00	" T. Nixon	84 00
Rev. J. G. Deskin and Wife	150 00	" G. D. Wade	45 00
Mrs. P. H. Drake	75 00	" W. H. Watkins	22 50
" Campbell	75 00	" B. B. Whittington	22 50
" Curtis	75 00	" "	22 50
Rev. Thos. Clinton	37 50	" C. R. Godfrey	11 25
" J. B. Higginbotham	37 50	" "	11 25
		Total	

Bishop's Fund as per receipt of Bishop Kavanaugh 769 25
Paid to Bishop's Deficiency 10 00

List of Appointments.

	White Members.	Colored Members.	White Local Preachers.	White Local Deacons.	White Local Elders.	Colored Local Preachers	Colored Local Deacons.	Colored Local Elders.	Adults Baptised.	Infants Baptised.	Amount Collected for Foreign Missions.	Amount Collected for Domestic Missions.	Amount Collected for Bible Cause.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Total Allowance Ministers' Salary.	Total Receipts.	Conference Collection.	Bishop's Fund.
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NATCHEZ DISTRICT—																					
Natchez	150								3	14				1	21		400	$1150	$894 00		$126 25
Kingston	51	20			1									3	12	114	400	2000	1024 00		350 00
Percy's Creek	158									4				3	12	51		400	150 00		
Woodville	69			1							25 00	21 00		3	20	80	400		218 10		5 00
Wilkinson	280	168	2						15	9	25 50	8 50		1	11	87	420	1000	742 50	30 00	
Liberty	80	100	2						3	10	7 60			4	12	82	330	650	496 00	30 30	27 00
Amite	158			1					3	4								250	116 25	10 40	
St. Helena	206	12	1	1	1				3	6				3	11	75	50	250	141 00		
East Baton Rouge	75								3	11	5 00	5 30		1	2	18	100	400	400 00	8 00	
Clinton, La										2				1	4	20	40	300	172 00		2 00
Jackson, La	228	80	2		2				25	30	6 50			2	24	121	150	800	490 00	10 00	
Total	1955	386	5	2	2				54	95	62 60	41 30		19	117	648	1890				
VICKSBURG DISTRICT—																					
Vicksburg	206								1			4 70		1	23	140	600	2000	1469 00		
Warren	67	6	1											1	6	30			350 00	7 65	5 00
North Warren	222		1	1	1				1		19 25	15 00		4	31	100	380	500	517 00		20 00
Cayuga	200				1				5	11		5 00						850	150 00	13 35	5 00
Rocky Springs	50													1	5	20	50		200 00	14 60	12 10
Port Gibson	88		1						4	14	17 8	17 90		1	7	40	300	1200	634 00	31 25	21 85
Fayette	315	148	1		2				22	5	22 0	25 00		3	16	110	275	1000	1000 00	30 50	31 50
Rodney		40												1	6	40	100				
Total	1153	194	4	1	4				32	33	59 10	67 60		12	94	480	1705	5500	4320 00	209 55	95 45

JACKSON DISTRICT																								$3 95
Jackson	97							2	18	$25 00			$50 00	1	10	50	600	900	800 00	10 00	10 20			
Vernon and Livingston	69									5 00				2	9	28	125	400	285 00	20 00				
Canton	126				1			5	7	25 70	15 00	42 00	1	10	72	567	1000	847 00	36 15	34 95				
Sharon and Thornton's Chapel	90	30							11	20 00	4 35		1	15	35	300	500	370 00	21 25	13 50				
Madisonville	167		1		1			1	7	29 05	5 75		3	12	64	100	600	469 00	46 85	31 00				
Camden	70	46	1							7 50							1000	249 00	5 00					
Camden Col. Charge																								
Carthage	191		1					1	3				1	10	20	56	310	182 00						
Clinton	248	50		1	2			12	10	24 07		40 00	5	36	221	964	700		38 20	10 00				
Spring Ridge	65							1		2 00			1	8	25	150	200	36 00						
Total	1123	126	3	1	4			22	56	138 32	25 10	132 00	15	110	515	2862	5610	3238 00	67 45	103 60				
YAZOO DISTRICT—																	1036	577 00						
Yazoo City	89	25						1		7 05			1	11	55	400	800	525 00	50 00					
Yazoo Circuit	282		1		1												725	150 00	22 85	22 00				
Mt. Olivet	298			1	1			1	1	29 00			2	7	78	100	425	352 00	28 00	17 35				
Richland	108				2					7 00	2 50		2	7	64	350		245 00	23 00					
Lexington	153		2						3	2 50			1	6	35	250	1100		5 00	24 70				
Durant	298	80			1			1	15	21 30 00			1	8	60	300	450	375 00	20 00	22 40				
Black Hawk	284				1				7	10 16 00	26 00		1	8	50	300	665	665 00	22 50	54 80				
Carrollton	234	30	1										1	4	30	6				26 80				
North Carroll	79		2					17	10	1 00			2	6	35		475	171 00	8 00	17 40				
Sunflower	55	80				4		39	13				1	7	45	150	750	101 00	7 50	31 10				
Tallahatchie										55														
Total	1880	215	6	1	6	4		1	80	58	92 25	28 50		12	64	452	1850	6926	3161 00	163 85	250 15			
GREENVILLE DISTRICT—																				12 75	10 05			
Greenville and Lake Lee	53		1					6	7	25 00		15 00	1	10	35	170	600	600 00	35 00	20 00				
Deer Creek	45		2					3		6 00			2	10	30	150		50 00	3 00	1 00				
Bolivar																								
Clover Hill and Leota	26	50				2			1	10 00			1	6	15	100		143 00	2 00					
Indian Bayou	42	20				1													5 65					
Total	166	70	3			3			10	7	41 00		15 00	4	26	80	420	600	793 00	56 30	31 05			

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Starkville District—																					
Starkville	150	137	2	1	6				29	4	20 00	6 71	.....	3	15	100	250	1000	834 00	45 35	.....
Louisville	450	320	3	2	1	6			35	25	10 00	.....	.....	2	8	40	200	450	150 00	.....	.....
Plattsburg	140	9	1						4	2	.....	.....	.....					600	23 00	.....	.....
Bankston	336	6									.....	.....	.....					.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro	300	50	2		1						.....	.....	.....					.....	.....	.....	.....
Line Creek	450	12	1	1	1				45	17	2 00	.....	.....					575	118 00	.....	.....
Winona	311	130	6						2	8	.....	.....	.....					400	149 00	.....	.....
Vaiden	236	...	1						6	2	4 25	3 00	.....					600	402 00	3 00	.....
Kosciusko	625	200	...		2	3			45	15	18 00	.....	.....	2	6	80	....	525	225 00	16 00	5 00
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Total	2998	864	16	4	5	15			166	73	54 25	9 71	.....	7	29	220	450	4150	1851 00	48 35	21 00
Brandon District—																					
Brandon	347	....	....	3	1	....	....	....	5	5	33 00	13 00	73 00	2	12	45	56	700	378 00	38 10	1 00
Pannin	128	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	4	.....	.....	20 00	3	20	160	661	700	300 00	5 90	5 90
Trenton	160	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	.....	.....	.....	2	10	38	110	355	165 25	11 25	10 00
Forest	190	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	6	2	1 00	.....	46 00	....	....	....	....	600	291 00	.....	16 00
Garlandsville	179	54	..	1	2	....	....	....	15	1	.....	.....	65 00	2	14	71	540	700	352 00	12 05	1 25
Hickory	165	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	1	4	26	....	533	146 00	.....	.....
Philadelphia	200	13	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 00	.....	.....	1	7	40	115	700	300 00	.....	6 00
Good Hope	218	9	4	....	....	....	....	....	35	34	7 00	.....	.....	3	12	75	....	500	195 00	.....	.....
Walnut Grove	331	20	2	1	....	....	....	....	30	31	3 00	.....	.....	4	24	120	75	500	275 00	5 00	5 00
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Total	1918	105	16	4	3	....	....	....	96	84	59 00	13 00	204 00	18	103	595	1457	5288	2402 25	73 30	45 15

PAULDING DISTRICT—										$	$	$					$	$	$	$		
Paulding	241	63	3			2			10	15		6 50		4	24	87		500	251 00			
Ocohay	120	5	3		1				7					2	6	30		150	45 00			
Black Creek																						
White Plains	20		3							3												
Handsboro	57													2	5	40	80		100 00			
Columbia	50		1						12			3 00		1	4	40	50	150	129 00			
Mt. Carmel	375	30					1		3	3		16 00		1	5	25		600	250 00	4 00	4 00	
Rankin	227	30	2	1	1									4	32	115	100					
Sylvania	165	5									1 00			3	15	100	200	600	300 00			
Total	1255	133	12	1	2	2	1		32	21	1 00	25 50		17	91	437	430	2000	1075 00	4 00	4 00	
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—																		700	643 00			
Brookhaven	76			1							32 00	15 15	10 00	1	17	115	300	600	463 00	40 00	12 00	
Crystal Springs	321		3		2				3	4	10 00			2	20	50	120	600	450 00	10 00	10 00	
Hazlehurst	230			2	2				16	26				2	31	137	200			60 00	9 00	
Wipon and Beauregard	140								15	4	20 00	25 00	40 00	2	30	200	200	900	610 00	36 00	15 00	
Bayou Pierre	210		4	4	1					3	32 75			2	22	100	350	1425	833 00	50 00	15 00	
Scotland	460			1	1				10	12	5 00	5 00		3	45	54	400	800	665 00	9 00	5 00	
Holmesville	160	10			3				2	7	7 10	19 55	37 00	2	10	60	200	375	295 00	21 00	10 00	
Bogue Chitto	145		3		2									1				300	100 00			
Meadville	96			1					12	4				2	6	40	100	500	296 00			
Total	1938	10	10	9	11				58	60	106 85	64 70	87 00	17	181	756	1870	6200	4415 00	116 50	76 00	
ARCOLA DISTRICT—																						
Arcola	61		1							6		3 00		2	8	30	300		160 00	4 00	2 25	
Pontchatoula	96	2	1						5	7				1					11 00			
Greensburg	140	7	2						3	1				1	9	40	142	617	76 00	3 50		
Magnolia	89		1																			
Franklinton	117		2							20				3	10	60	300	300	100 00			
Covington	59																					
Pearl River																						
Total	562	9	7						8	34		3 00		7	27	130	742	917	247 00	7 50	2 25	

RECAPITULATION.

List of Appointments.	White Members.	Colored Members.	White Local Preachers.	White Local Deacons.	White Local Elders.	Colored Local Preachers	Colored Local Deacons.	Colored Local Elders.	Adults Baptised.	Infants Baptised.	Amount Collected for Foreign Missions.	Amount Collected for Domestic Missions.	Amount Collected for Bible Cause.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Total Allowance Ministers' Salary.	Total Receipts.	Conference Collection.	Bishop's Fund.
Natchez District	1455	386	5	5	2	2	..	..	54	95	62 00	41 30	$.....	19	117	648	1890	$7200	$4843	$88 70	$163 75
Vicksburg "	1153	194	4	1	4	..	..	..	32	33	59 10	67 60	.....	12	94	480	1705	5500	4320	209 55	95 45
Jackson "	1123	126	3	1	4	..	..	..	22	56	138 32	25 10	132 00	15	110	515	2862	5610	3238	167 45	103 60
Yazoo "	1880	215	6	1	6	4	..	1	80	58	92 55	28 50	.....	12	64	452	1850	6426	3161	163 85	250 15
Greenville "	166	70	3	..	..	3	..	..	10	7	41 00	.....	15 00	4	26	80	420	600	793	56 30	31 05
Starkville "	2998	864	16	4	5	15	..	..	166	73	54 25	9 71	.....	7	29	220	430	4150	1851	48 35	21 00
Brandon "	1918	105	16	4	3	..	..	..	96	84	59 00	13 00	204 60	18	103	595	1457	5288	2402	73 30	45 15
Paulding "	1255	133	12	1	1	1	..	..	32	21	100 00	25 50	.....	17	91	437	430	2000	1075	4 00	4 00
Brookhaven "	1938	10	10	9	11	..	..	..	58	60	106 85	64 70	87 00	17	181	756	1870	6200	4415	116 50	76 00
Arcola "	562	9	7	..	..	..	..	..	8	34	.....	3 00	.....	7	27	130	742	917	247	7 50	2 25
Grand Total	14448	2112	82	26	36	25	..	1	558	521	713 07	278 41	438 00	128	842	4313	13656	43891	26345	935 50	792 40

Twenty-first Question—What has been contributed for the Missionary and Tract societies? See tabular statement, page 13.

ADDRESS OF THE LAY DELEGATES.

To the Stewards and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in the Mississippi Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN: From the midst of our Annual Council we rise under a common impulse, to address you. We seek to imbue your minds with some measure of our own sentiments. Here, we see and feel more powerfully than we can hope to express, the effects of the crisis through which our Church, as well as our country, is now passing.

The annual reduction, and deficiency of the allowance made to our preachers, on the plea of general poverty, are now beginning to show their results and to demonstrate the unwiseness of such a policy. Better, far better, would it have been for us to have suffered the lack of many things we thought at the time absolutely needful, than to have thus endangered ourselves with the lack of the bread of life, through a preached gospel, and the sacraments of our cherished religion. We have reached that point, when our plans of life must embrace more largely, provision for our spiritual necessities. At a very small cost to us, and without any particular effort required of us, a devoted and gifted body of Ministers have grown up in our midst,—have supplied us with a pure gospel, and performed for us the holy offices of an acceptable Ministry. Few of us have known, fewer still have inquired, how this Ministry have subsisted. Children of Providence they have always appeared to us, and largely have they drawn upon the promises that guard their holy calling. Age is, however, abating the strength and relaxing the vigor of those of them longest in a service that has ministered to our improvement. Care is robbing youth of its natural joyousness; necessity, painful necessity, is operating to part from this devoted band, some of its most hopeful members. Secular employments are attracting others, promising to manual labor that support which the Church is indifferent to pay.

At this moment they turn to us for relief, and we have responded by submitting to the Church within the bounds we represent in this Conference, a plan of finance to be managed by you. Shall we attempt, farther to tell you to what extent these trustful men of God confide in our promise for ourselves, and pledges for you. Shall we attempt to measure to you the hope which this simple plan has awakened. Has the Lord put it into our hearts to do this thing? that these, his servants should so readily address themselves to increased devotion, an enlargement of plans, for the spread of the gospel, and a greater efficiency of their ministry.

They will return to their homes, and prepare to take the places assigned them the coming year; they will encourage the saddened hearts of their wives, and their little ones, by the promises we have

made them in your behalf. Receive them as servants of God, sent to you; open your hearts to the word they bring; make your poverty abound to the praise of your liberality; see that their cries do not go up to Heaven against us for receiving their services, and witholding their hire. The Lord will assuredly bless us if we do our whole duty in these respects; we have this confidence and would impart it to you.

LAY DELEGATES.

R. D. HOWE,
A. J. NORWOOD,
J. E. JAGERS,
W. J. LUM,
R. V. POWELL,
S. D. MURFF,
T. C. CLARK,
JESSE THOMPSON,
J. C. KITTRELL,
J. T. CAMERON,
W. H. WORTHINGTON,
B. G. HUMPHREYS,
J. B. ROBERTSON,
L. K. BARBOUR,
THOMAS READ,
GEORGE BARNES,
STEPHEN JOHNSON,
JOSEPH WISE,
J. M. APPLEWHITE,
E. G. COOK,
J. E. WATTS.

The Joint Board of Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit this their

1st Report, on the subject entrusted to their consideration. The plan of finance we herewith present contemplates an earnest and persistent application to every member of the Church, a systematic use and steady employment of the financial officers of the Church, a rigid economy of money, beginning with the smallest fractions, and a return to old usages regarding quarterly collections. It is our opinion, that if the plan is carried out with that measure of confidence which a financial plan ought to command, the results will amply compensate the Church.

The more effectually to carry out the following plan, it is hereby recommended that each board of stewards organize by the election of a President and Secretary.

I. On the arrival of the Preacher in charge, the President shall call a meeting of the Board of Stewards.

II. The Stewards shall ascertain and consolidate all the claims upon the Church for the current year, embracing the allowance to the Preacher in charge, the presiding Elder, and the amount apportioned to the Bishops, and the amount for the Conference.

III. The Stewards shall assess the members in sums sufficient to meet the above amounts, and notify the Pastor, who shall call a Church meeting, to whom the Stewards shall submit their assessment, and make such changes as may be necessary to secure a general concurrence.

IV. The assessment agreed to shall be divided into monthly instalments, to be collected as follows:

1. On the first of each month the Secretary shall serve each member with a notice of their assessment, using the following or some other convenient form:

STEWARD'S CIRCULAR.

To the Members and Friends of the M. E. Church, South,————
Station, (or————Circuit,) Miss. Conference.
The expenses of our Church for the year 186—, amount to————

1st.—Pastor's salary	000 00
2nd.—Presiding Elder's salary	000 00
3rd—Bishop's fund	000 00
Total	000 00

To meet the above, we, the Stewards, have to the best of our ability, in making a fair and just assessment to each individual member, assessed you with————, per month, commencing Dec. 1st, 186 , and ending Nov. 1st, 186 , which amount you will please pay monthly to either one of the Stewards or to the Pastor, or you can enclose it in a sealed envelope, with your name on it, and deposit it in the Church Basket. Proper credit will be made on the books in every instance. Remember that "the Laborer is worthy of his hire," and that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

STATEMENT.

Name.	Amt. ass'd ℔ mo.	Amt. p'd. to	Am't due to

Remarks:

Hoping to have an immediate response,
We are very respectfully,

Here let the Stewards names be printed.

Let this assessment be read to the Congregation or Church, and if objection is not made, let it be considered as his dues for the year.

2. In the event of a failure by any member to respond to the circular, the stewards shall appoint one of their number, to wait in person upon the member so failing, ascertain the cause, and urge any suitable arrangement by which the amount may be secured the Church.

V. The Secretary of the Board of Stewards shall pay on the order of the Preacher in charge, monthly, the amount due him, or such portion as may be in the Treasury; and quarterly to the Presiding Elder, on his order, reserving the proportioned amounts due to the Bishop's and the Conference fund. The amount collected for the Bishop shall be paid to the Presiding Elder each quarter, and he shall forward the same to Dr. Redford, at Nashville.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools offer the following report:

We are, as heretofore, deeply impressed with the importance of the Sunday School, as a great auxiliary agency in the spread of the gospel. Within the bounds of the Mississippi Conference, there are reported to be 93 schools, 588 officers and teachers, 2005 scholars and 9881 volumes in libraries. These statistics show that there is an increased interest in Sunday Schools within our bounds. Our zeal in this cause, however, is by no means equal to the vast extent and importance of the work. The Sunday School is undoubtedly a field in which duty demands and hope inspires us to labor. As Christians we cannot ignore or neglect our obligations to the children; as ministers of the gospel, Providence has opened before us no more promising sphere of operations than the Sunday School affords. That shepherd who neglects the lambs of his flock will soon have no flock to feed. While the ministry need to double their activity in this interesting department of duty, the laity need still more to be aroused to a sense of their responsibility in connection with this institution.

The idea that there are people who are too ignorant to teach yet too wise to learn, is, in our estimation, a very erroneous one. Every man, woman and child should belong to the Sunday School. "Old men and children, young men and maidens," should all unite heartily and harmoniously in this great and good work. The piety and usefulness of the entire membership of the church would be greatly advanced by a habitual attendance upon the duties and privileges of the Sunday School. Men never become too old or too wise to learn from the book of God. When the parents and children unite in the Sunday Schools to study the Scriptures together, they beautifully illustrate the sentiment of the Savior when he said, "Except ye be converted and become as *little children*, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven." In view of these considerations we offer the following resolution.

Resolved—That it is the duty of all the members of our church to be members also of the Sunday Schools.

R. J. JONES,
W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
JOS. E. WATTS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

The information brought to us by means of the last Annual Report of the S. W. Bible Society, is most gratifying. Bibles have been circulated during the year in nearly all parts of the world, in Mexico, New Granada, the Argentine Republic, Italy, Russia, Siberia, Germany,

Denmark, Africa, Turkey, China, India, Siam, Japan, Sandwich Islands, the Indian Tribes, and every part of our own country. The territory of every form of false religion has been invaded, and the bible placed in the hands of Pagans, Turks, Romanists and Jews, and thus the entrance of the *word* which giveth light, is shining in the darkness everywhere. Along with the word of God has gone the agent, generally a minister of the gospel, sometimes a colporteur, and sometimes a Bible woman, who explains the word of salvation, and enforces the claims of our Redeemer, and many have learned to live and to die, as Christians in the midst of heathenism.

Your committee think that the American Bible Society is a very great power for good, and that it becomes us to co-operate with it, and put a copy of the Bible in the hands of every human being who will read it. In many parts of our own territory, there is great destitution; by means of the war through which we have passed, and the poverty of our people consequent upon it, many have been unable to furnish themselves with bibles; it is not found in the family, and the children are coming to mature life in ignorance of the word of God, and under the control of vicious habits.

We recommend that every member of our Conference, and every member of our Church, become an agent for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Agents of the S. W. B. S. can only go along our great thoroughfares, and at various points along these, they can leave bibles and testaments, and from these points, after learning the wants of your people, you can distribute them, and this distribution of the Bible, will very greatly aid you in your calling as ministers of the gospel.

There are well organized bodies of men in our own country, as well as elsewhere, who oppose the distribution of the Bible—men bearing the Christian name, strange as it may seem, who would hinder this work of God. These bodies of men are rapidly gaining in numbers and power in our midst. Now the best way to meet these evil doers, is to scatter the seed broadcast over the land, let it take root and bring forth its righteous fruits before they reach the field.

In conclusion we offer the following resolutions.

Resolved—That the South Western Bible Society shall have our hearty co-operation.

Resolved—That our brother, Rev. J. W. Harmon, the Agent of the S. W. B. Society, shall be cordially welcomed in the bounds of our Conference, and that we will aid him in the work of circulating the Bible.

B. JONES,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF COLORED PEOPLE.

We, the Committee appointed by the Conference on the religious interests of the colored people, beg leave to report:

That in view of their present condition, after having labored among them for fifty years, and finding that our labors and influence are likely to be lost upon them, without an effort on our part as a Conference, and believing that they are capable of being improved, religiously and morally, and having conferred with the superintendant of this work, Rev. T. Taylor, as to the success of the cause in other States, he having raised two conferences, with the prospect of three more, one embracing the territory of the Mississippi and Louisiana Conferences, another that of the Georgia, and one in Arkansas; and believing, as we do, that the views of the General Conference are best adapted to their present condition; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend a Colored Mississippi Annual Conference, in connection with the Louisiana Conference, to be held in Hazlehurst, on the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, on the seventh (7th) day of January next.

Resolved—That we pledge ourselves in our various fields of labor to do our utmost to send up ministers and lay delegates to attend this Conference, to be held by Bishop Kavanaugh.

Also, to inform the colored people in our bounds of this Conference Session, and of the advantages accruing to them in this organization.

Resolved—That we invite all such as have been engaged in this work, as presiding elders, or preachers, to meet with us in the formation of said Conference;

And, that we invite the Louisiana Conference to co-operate with us in this great work.

Resolved—That we request the editor of the *New Orleans Advocate*, to publish these resolutions, and the time and place of this Conference until its session.

JOHN B. BOWEN,
S. JOHNSON,
BENJ. G. HUNNICUTT,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee respectfully report:

That from the papers referred to them, they learn, that Sharon Female College is in successful operation. There are above sixty pupils in the two institutions, with good prospect of increase. On the night of the 24th of August last, the dwelling and dormitory buildings were burned. Arrangements have, however, been made to accomodate boarding pupils, and there are now several of this class there. The school is well conducted and the instruction is thorough. The character of those in charge of this school warrant us in earnestly commending it to public favor. The trustees ask the re-appointment of the Rev. W. L. C. Hunnicutt to the presidency of this College, and we second the request.

Whitworth Female College is represented to be in a high state of prosperity. The trustees were well pleased with the results of last year's labor, and esteem the Rev. H. F. Johnson as eminently fitted for the place he fills. The Rev. L. R. Redding has gained in this school a high reputation as a teacher. There are now about one hundred pupils in the college. More room is needed, a new chapel, and additional aparatus for illustrating natural science. The trustees have already expended a considerable sum in improvements, and they ask the Conference to aid them by appointing an agent for the next year, who shall collect what funds he can, to be used as the trustees of the College shall order. We recommend this mattter to your consideration. We rejoice in the success of the College, and believe the Conference should make every effort to develop it into completeness in every respect. We recommend the re-appointment of the Rev. H. F. Johnson to the presidency of the College.

Port Gibson Collegiate Institution is still under the presidency of Mr. A. J. Wright, and is doing very well. It has long been under the care of this Conference, and has sent from its halls many young women, who still breathe the spirit they caught while there. We cannot withhold, in this place, a tribute of honor and affectionate commemoration to the name of the lamented and beloved Mrs. Benjamin Jones, one of the guiding and moulding spirits of this institution. We commend this School to the attention of the public.

WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY

The Committee appointed by the Conference to visit this Seminary, express themselves satisfied with the government, character and literary results. It is not the property of the Conference, but it is Methodist in its spirit and conduct, and seeks an interest in the attentions and regards of this Coference. The present session has opened with better prospects than the last one, and it is to be hoped by its friends that easier finances will bring larger success. We recommend the appointment of visiting committees, to attend the next annual examinations of all these schools, and we respectfully suggest that the committees report on the religious, or rather spiritual character and usefulness of these schools.

Centenary College is an object of great interest and anxiety to us. The trustees and friends are doing all they can to bring about a reaction in its favor. There are now no beneficiary students there, and it is hoped that all claims to such may be finally relinquished. The College is now open to students for the current session. This institution is our own, and demands our sacrifice, our energy and our means, to make it what it can be. In the opinion of your Committee the first great move towards its restoration to former usefulness, is money. Having this, you can command what else is needed. But we should not refuse to do what we can, because we cannot do what we would. Let us combine all subsidiary forces, and work by slow and steady steps if we must, until Centenary shall again be the centre of intellectual and spiritual light in the two Conferences. We would recommend the appointment of a Committee to visit the Col-

lege at the next Commencement, and report on all matters of interest to this Conference at the next session; and we also recommend, that the Rev. Dr. Watkins be re-appointed President.

Your Committee wish to urge the importance of judicious and untiring effort in behalf of education. We should aim in our schools at the highest moral and intellectual development. The Conference should encourage all Methodist schools that move in this direction. No school, however, should have our countenance that does not distinctly and practically inculcate the principles of duty as presented in Christianity. We do not want unsanctified education, for every human effort should aim at coming nearer to Christ. We deeply deplore the fact, that not a few members of our Church pass by Methodist schools and give their support to those of the Roman Catholics. We are fully satisfied that this is a great error, whether it respects the intellectual or the religious training. Our own schools are superior in all the important matters of education, and there can be no question that the minds of our children are poisoned with the essence of the falsehood of Popery. We ought in every way to discourage our people from this hurtful practice, and it must be our effort also to make our own schools attractive. Your Committee beg leave to suggest that we have often failed in our educational enterprises by dividing instead of concentrating our means. We should have a few good schools rather than many mere attempts. Let us have one first rate Female College, well appointed, ample in capacity, convenient of access, and of the highest grade of scholarship. So should we do in the support of our Male Colleges. In this way we will elevate the standard of education, and be able to bring tuition within reach of almost the poorest. We cannot close this report without alluding to the importance of educating as far as possible our preachers. This is a duty we cannot escape, nor can we neglect it without serious injury to our Church. The Tennessee Conference is moving in this matter with great energy and discretion, and they must reap a rich fruit of their effort. We earnestly hope that this Conference will enter heartily into a like effort, and will immediately proceed to put as many young preachers as possible into our best schools.

We offer for your consideration, the following resolutions:

Resolved—That we are gratified to know that our schools are living and have good prospects of success.

Resolved That we will give all proper encouragement to the schools under our care, and will urge our people to send their children to these instead of Roman schools.

Resolved—That we will devote special attention and effort to the restoration of Centenary College to its former capacity for usefulness, and that we will do all we can to encourage assist our young preachers in obtaining a thorough education.

W. T. J. SULLIVAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to report:

Our publishing house shows an increasing demand for such books as we can recommend to our people. Its heavy debt has been greatly reduced, and our agents have our fullest confidence.

We think the whole family of advocates constitute an invaluable means of giving to the reading world, that kind of literature which must improve the taste, increase the information, and stimulate the piety and zeal of Christians. The literary character of our advocates is improving, more select miscellaneous reading furnished, a better class of contributors has been secured, and our editors seem more like men who had stood up to see for themselves, and expected to feel some sympathy with the great throbbing anxieties of society.

The N. O. C. A. is recovering its once wide circulation. Dr. Keener has conducted the paper upon the principles of rigid economy, doing without compensation, the work of editor and clerk. The members of this Conference are pledged to sustain it. It is theirs, as the medium of communicating with the Church, and as a means of receiving and extending information. It is in our power to make it the equal of any of our periodicals, and just in proportion as we contribute or induce our friends to contribute to papers outside of our own bounds, we contract the field of its operation and impair it as an auxiliary in our work. It deserves commendation, not because it is ours, nor because of its local interests, though these give it advantage, but because it brings its readers into fellowship with truth and duty, light and effort, breaking the solitude of a lonely home by its words of wisdom and examples of patience and faith.

The Nashville *Advocate* ought to circulate more fully among us.

The *Home Monthly* under the control of Rev. A. B. Stark, is ably edited, and serves an important purpose. The Church needs a periodical combining moral and intellectual force, and this promises to supply such need.

The *S. S. Visitor* occupies its own place. Devoted to the interest and culture of the young, its simple stories encourage to a love of reading and a love of God. Justice induces us to mention the *Baltimore E. Methodist.* We would that all of our religious periodicals equalled this in literary taste, generous sympathy with all that elevates and ennobles man, and that fervor of piety which brings the heart into closer union with God.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That while it is duty of all the members of this Conference to place the publications of the Church in the hands of our people, special effort ought to be made to extend the circulation of the N. O. C. Advocate.

W. H. WATKINS,
Chairman.

Vicksburg, Nov. 21, 1868.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

It was communicated to the Conference, that when this College became the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, there was a debt of $1700 hanging over it; that Rev. W. E. Millsaps had become responsible for the whole amount, and is willing to relinquish his claim, excepting $300, which is now in judgment against him; that Rev. H. F. Johnson has made arrangements by which Bro. Millsaps has the disposal of two scholarships.

By resolution, the Conference directed a public collection be taken up on Monday night, in the Church in Vicksburg, to liquidate the above claim, and Rev. B. Jones was appointed an agent to collect moneys for the benefit of the College.

CLAIM AGANIST MRS. SARAH C. LANE.

A resolution was adopted by a rising vote recommending the Book Agent and Publishing Committee at Nashville, to accept the proposition of Mrs. Sarah C. Lane, to settle the claim of the publishing house, now in the form of a judgment against her, and make a final settlement of the same.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Ministers.	Laymen.
W. E. M. Linfield,	Geo. D. Wiley,
J. A. B. Jones,	R. D. Howe,
H. H. Montgomery,	J. E. Watts,
W. P. Barton,	J. M. Applewhite,
R. J. Jones,	E. P. Ellis,
F. M. Williams,	Jno. T. Cameron,
W. W. Hurst,	Stephen Johnson.
Benj. Jones,	Jesse Thompson,
W. B. Hines,	Joseph Wise,
H. P. Lewis.	John McVea.

REV. J. W. LAMBETH, MISSIONARY TO CHINA.

It was resolved that collections for the benefit of Bro. Lambeth, our missionary to China, be taken up during the ensuing Conference year and that all money raised for foreign missions in this Conference not otherwise directed by the donor, shall be applied to his use, the same to be forwarded through Rev. H. H. Montgomery.

APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICTS.

The Joint Board of Finance announced the following sums to be collected during the ensuing Conference year, viz:

	Conference Collection.	Bishop's Fund.
Vicksburg District	$750	$225
Jackson "	500	225
Yazoo "	1000	225
Starkville "	500	100
Brandon "	300	150
Paulding "	250	85
Brookhaven "	500	125
Woodville "	500	135
Clinton "	250	80
Greenville "	250	80

DECISION OF LAW RESPECTING RIGHTS OF LAY DELEGATES.

Bishop Kavanaugh:

We would respectfully ask you to decide the following question: Can a lay member of the Conference vote upon a question involving the character and relations of a preacher of the Conference?

(Signed) W. H. WATKINS,
W. T. J. SULLIVAN.

By the law of the Church that treats of the Annual Conference, and in answer to the question, Who shall compose an Annual Conference (See page 45), after stating that all the traveling preachers in full connection, holding the various relationships of effective, supernumerary and superannuated, it provides, that each Presiding Elder's District shall elect four lay representatives, who shall participate in all the business of the Conference except such as involves ministerial character and relations.

To come at a definite idea of what the Church means by the terms "character and relationship" of ministers in a Conference, we must notice what action the Conference is in the habit of taking on the character and relationships of its ministerial members. This point is reached in the language of the fifteenth question, asked in the regular business of the Conference, namely: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The attention which the Conference gives to this question, is what is usually styled the examination of the character of the preachers, and the relationship of the preachers are usually defined at the time that each may be under examination, as to whether he shall be effective, supernumerary, or superannuated, or placed in the local relation to the Church. The term relations may also refer to the order of deacons and elders in the Church.

It is argued by some opposed to this construction of the law, that the language of the Discipline refers to votes given on the trial of a

preacher under charges. By the same General Conference that provided for lay delegation, the trial of a preacher is ordered to be referred to a committee of not less than nine or more than thirteen. It said that this committee, being the peers of the accused, shall have full power to try the case, and their decision shall be final, save as to the right of appeal.

The language and facts thus presented by the Discipline, compel us to the conclusion, that it is on the passage of the character and the determination of the relationships of the preachers that our lay delegates are forbidden to vote.

(Signed,) H. H. KAVANAUGH.

CONSTRUCTION OF ABOVE DECISION.

Resolved—That upon the passage of the character of the traveling preachers, and fixing their relationship, whether as local, supernumerary, superannuated, or as deacons or elders, the lay members of Conference have not the right to vote, but upon all other questions, they have the right to vote according to Episcopal decision yesterday.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary College—W. T. J. Sullivan, J. A. Godfrey, Thos. Reed.

Sharon Female College—C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, W. Harrington.

Whitworth Female College—G. D. Wade, W. B. Hines, W. F. Glenn, Gov. B. G. Humphreys, Hon. O. R. Singleton, Thos. Reid.

Port Gibson Female College—J. A. B. Jones, W. T. Beall, J. G. Jones.

SCHOOL IN EAST MISSISSIPPI.

A communication from Wm. H. Hardy, Esq., in relation to the establishment of a school in East Mississippi, was referred to a committee composed of Revs. W. Price, R. J. Jones, E. H. Mounger, and lay brethren J. E. Watts and A. G. Mayers, to be reported on at the next session of Conference.

PUBLISHING MINUTES OF PRESENT SESSION.

Brethren E. G. Cook, Thos. Reid and W. P. Barton, were appointed a committee to raise funds to publish the minutes of the present session, and Revs. C. G. Andrews and L. R. Redding were appointed the same for publication. Funds were handed to Rev. R. J. Harp, to publish five hundred copies to be sent by mail to subscribers, two copies for 50 cents, five copies for $1, and twelve copies for $2.

DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

A committee was appointed to consider the division of the Missis-

sippi Conference, and report at the next session, composed of Revs. R. Abbey, J. A. Godfrey, R. J. Jones, jr., Jno G. Jones, J. L. Forsyth, and lay brethren, L. K. Barber, Stephen Johnson, J. E. Watts.

PROTESTANT METHODIST CHURCH.

A report from the Fraternal Messengers to the Methodist Protestant Church, was called for, and it was stated, that none of the committee had been able to attend in person. Rev. H. F. Johnson made a verbal report and read a private letter from Rev. E. J. Taylor, of that Church.

A resolution was adopted, that we entertain the kindest feelings toward our brethren of the Methodist Protestant Conference of Mississippi, and that we invite them to continued fraternal intercourse, and that we hold ourselves in readiness to respond to acts of theirs tending to union, and that we appoint Rev. B. Jones, Fraternal Messenger, and Rev. H. F. Johnson, alternate, to attend the next session of their Conference.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. L. R. Redding, the Recording Secretary, was granted leave of absence, and Bro. Jno. T. Cameron, lay delegate from the Jackson District, was appointed in his stead.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR OBITUARIES.

It was resolved, That hereafter, in the session of the Conference, the presiding Bishop be, and he is hereby requested to set apart a day for the consideration of Obituaries, if any, and the disposition of the superannuated preachers.

REV. J. H. MASSEY.

It being stated that there was a probability that Bro. Massey was dead, he having removed from the bounds of this Conference, several years ago, Rev. K. A. Jones was appointed to inquire into, and if he should be dead, to prepare an obituary.

VAN HONTEN BEQUEST FUND.

The resignation of Rev. L. Pearce, as Trustee of the Van Honten Bequest Fund, was received, and Rev. W. P. Barton was appointed in his stead. Bro. Montgomery reported that he had not been able to collect any interest on the above fund, and that our Attorney had given it as his opinion, that neither principal nor interest can be collected without a suit at law.

ADELAIDE GEREN DONATION.

Rev. L. Pearce resigned his place as Trustee of the Adelaide Geren Donation, and Rev. H. H. Montgomery was appointed in his stead. Bro. Montgomery reported that he had received $20 interest on the above fund, which $20 was, by vote of Conference, appropriated to Sister Wiggins' two daughters.

GRAVE OF CORNELIUS VAN HONTON.

Revs. R. Abbey and J. M. Pugh, were appointed a committee to correspond with the Book Agent at Nashville, in relation to preparing a suitable enclosure for the grave of Cornelius Van Honten, who left several legacies to the Church, and in case the Book Agent will not cooperate, they are instructed ~~to~~ make application to the next General Conference.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

The first Friday in May next, was agreed upon by the Conference as a day of fasting and prayer for a revival of religion througout our Conference.

RAISING OF COLLECTIONS.

It was resolved, that the various collections should be taken up by the preachers in charge.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. E. M. Linfield was appointed to preach the next Conference sermon; alternate, Rev. C. G. Andrews.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

The months of March and October were agreed upon as suitable times for raising missionary collections.

BISHOP'S DEFICIENCY.

Rev. Benj. Jones was appointed a committee to apportion to the different districts, the amount to be raised for the Bishop's deficiency, with instructions to report the same to the presiding elders.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following were adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

1. *Resolved*—That we tender our grateful acknowledgments to the citizens of Vicksburg, for their generous hospitality during this session of Conference.

2. That our thanks are hereby tendered to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their house of worship on Sunday last; and to the Pastor and members of the Baptist Church, for the tender of their house of worship.

3. Also, to the publishers of the *Vicksburg Times*, for special favors,

and that the editor be respectfully requested to publish these resolutions.

4. That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the several steamboats and railroads, who have so kindly furnished the members of this Conference with transportation to and from the seat of Conference.

5. That we tender our sincere thanks to Bishop Kavanaugh, for the dignified and courteous manner in which he has presided over this Conference.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR CANDIDATES AND UNDERGRADUATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Candidates for Admission.—R. Abbey, J. G. Jones, T. Nixon.

First Year.—J. L. Forsyth, R. J. Jones, Jr., J. M. Pugh.

Second Year.—H. F. Johnson, C. J. Andrews, W. P. Barton.

Third Year.—B. Jones, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, W. Harrington.

Fourth Year.—H. H. Montgomery, J. A. Godfrey, W. T. J. Sullivan.

NEXT SESSION OF CONFERENCE

Is to be held at Jackson, Mississippi—time to be chosen by the bishops.

1868

APPOINTMENTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Woodville District—J. A. Godfrey, P. E.
Woodville Station—P. Lane.
Percy's Creek—To be supplied by T. W. Brown.
Jackson, La.—Jas. L. Forsyth.
Tunica—C. R. Godfrey, R. D. Norsworthy, Sup.
{ Wilkinson—G. D. Wade.
{ Midway Col'd Mission—P. S. Petty.
Buffalo—Wm. Finn.
{ Liberty—J. A. Godfrey.
{ Meadville—C. W. Campbell.
Amite—W. H. Germany.
St. Helena—Robt. B. Seeders.
W. T. J. Sullivan, President Woodville Female Seminary.
Vicksburg District—J. G. Jones, P. E.
Vicksburg Station—W. E. M. Linfield.
North Warren—F. M. Featherson.
South Warren—W. T. Beall.
Cayuga—Thomas Nixon.
Rockey Springs—C. T. French, D. A. J. Parker.
Port Gibson Station—J. A. B. Jones.
Grand Gulf—To be supplied.
{ Fayette—W. F. Glenn, A. B. Stewart.
{ Rodney—Robt. A. New.
Fayette—Col'd Mission—R. A. Sibley.
{ Natchez Station—W. H. Watkins.
{ Kingston—To be supplied.

C. K. Marshall, Mississippi Conference Missionary.
Jackson District—R. Abbey, P. E.
Jackson Station—W. B. Lewis.
{ Raymond and Spring Ridge— H. Brown.
{ Terry—A. M. Campbell
{ Clinton—C. G. Andrews.
{ Brownsville—Col. Charge, Jas. S. Harris.
Vernon and Livingston—J. M. Pugh.
Canton Station—H. H. Montgomery.
Sharon and Col'd Charge—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. B. Galloway.
Madisonville—N. B. Young, J. W. Adams, Sup.
Camden and Col'd Charge—T. M. Ward, J. K. Hamblen, and W. Harrington, Sup.
Toledo, Honduras—L. Pearce.
W. L. C. Hunnicutt, President Sharon Female College.
Carthage—J. C. Carlyle.
Yazoo District—W. P. Barton, P. E.
Yazoo City Station—E. H. Mounger.
Yazoo—J. H. Shelton.
Mount Olivet—J. W. Jones.
Richland—H. Townsend.
Lexington—J. D. Newsom.
Durant—T. C. Parrish.
Black Hawk—To be supplied by L. H. Boyle.
Carrollton—P. Howard.
Mount Zion and Eden—Geo. W. Boyle.
Sunflower—T. W. Flowers.
Greenville District—W. W. Drake, P. E.
Greenville Station—W. W. Drake, James Maclennan, Sup.
Deer Creek—J. D. Murff.
Bolivar—J. V. Pointer.
Clover Hill—To be supplied.
Indian Bayou—To be supplied.
Starkville District—K. A. Jones, P. E.
Starkville Station—R. J. Jones, Jr.
Louisville—David Merchant, J. O. Woodward, Sup.
Plattsburg, Miss.—To be supplied by Z. Bays.
Bankston—J. G. Carlisle.
Line Creek—To be supplied by Wiley Lewis.
Winona—John A. Ellis.
Vaiden—P. A. Johnson.
Kosicusko—J. D. Hays, A. R. Hines, Sup.
Greensboro'—To be supplied, T. W. Casttes, Sup.
Brandon Dristrict—Wm. Price, P. E.
Brandon Station—To be supplied.
Brandon Circuit—F. M. Williams.
Hillsboro'—L. P. Meador.
Forest—Wm. Price.
Treton—T. J. Hudson.

Walnut Grove—J. A. Vance.
Hickory, Miss.—G. Jackson.
Philadephia—P. G. Reynolds.
Paulding District—H. P. Lewis.
Paulding—D. W. Dillehay.
Sylvarena—L. Kendal.
Trinity—F. W. Sharbrough.
Rankin—W. W. Hurst.
Mount Carmel—H. P. Lewis; one to be supplied.
Columbia—E. W. Simmons.
China Grove—To be supplied by J. H. Holland.
Handsboro', Mission—J. J. Clarke.
{ Okohay—To be supplied.
{ Black Creek—To be supplied by R. J. Kopkins.
Brookhaven District—G. F. Thompson, P. E.
{ Brookhaven Station—L. R. Redding.
{ Bogue Chitto—H. P. Bowen.
Wesson and Beauregard—Benj. Jones.
{ Crystal Springs and Hazlehurst—W. B. Hines.
{ Bahala—A. B. Nicholson, R. T. Hennington, Sup.
{ Georgetown—B. B. Whittington.
{ Brandywine—E. A. Flowers.
{ Scotland—Wm. G. Millsaps.
Burtonton—E. F. Mullins.
Pleasant Valley—Wm. Wadsworth.
Summit—E. R. Strickland.
Holmesville—R. B. Downer.

H. F. Johnson, President Whitworth College, and member of Brookhaven Sta. Qr. Conference.

Benj. Jones, Agent for Whitworth Female College.
Clinton District—C. Chamberlin, P. E.
Clinton—W. E. Ballard.
East Baton Rouge—J. Nicholson.
{ Arcola—Thomas Price.
{ Greensburg—B. Pipkin.
{ Ponchatoula—To be supplied.
{ Covington—Ira B. Robinson.
Hammond—H. J. Harris
Livingston—To be supplied.
Missionary to China—J. W. Lambert.

Surperannuated—J. I. E. Byrd, Thomas Clinton, P. James, S. T. Swiney, G. T. Vickers, J. G. Deskin, J. B. Higginbotham, H. Williamson, W. R. Rainey, J. W. McNeil, H. Copeland.

F. X. Foster transferred to the Missouri Conference and appointed to Central College.

Geo. H. Clinton transferred to the St. Lous Conference, and Stationed at First Church.

Located—H. C. Buck, W. W. Graves, W. B. Johnson.

General Superintendent, Thos. Taylor.
Brookhaven District—J. B. Bowen, P. E.
Scotland Circuit—J. B. Bowen, P. E.
Woodville District—J. D. Willis, P. E.
Crystal Springs District—J. Carr, P. E.
Fayette District—G. C. Armstrong, P. E.
Burtonton District—J. D. Cudd, P. E.
Yazoo District—S. Johnson, P. E.
Greenville District—W. W. Drake, P. E.
Brandon District—G. C. Fore, P. E.
Paulding District—R. J. Jones, Sr., P. E.
Vicksburg—To be supplied.

The Circuits will be formed at the Colored Conference, to be held at Hazlehurst, January 7, 1869.

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